

the netting of a trap is to drop and walk away. I have obtained over two hundred species of beetle from the Oxford garden (Losito, in prep.) and only a small proportion of these were from trap samples. Other trapping methods give a much better indication of the role and feeding habits of a particular species, and show that the garden sites are much less uniform than is indicated by Malaise trapping. Incidentally, *Episyrphus balteatus*, the aphidophagous hoverfly, is not specific to cabbage aphids in my garden as it appears to be in Leicester. I have reared it from a whole range of plants since 1976, including *Miscanthus sinensis* and the cultivated rose; it is always particularly numerous on the Opium Poppy, *Papaver somniferum*.

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CATOCALA FRAXINI L. IN SURREY. — A male in good condition came to a lighted window of Croydon College, Croydon on 21st September 1983. It was let in somewhat fortuitously by a kind-hearted technician who considered the night air was a little cold for it. The moth was allowed to roam the laboratory until the following evening when it was promptly identified by a lecturer, Mr. Allan Pearson, who succeeded in capturing it. — D. C. LEES, 74, Woodcrest Road, Purley, Surrey CR2 4JB.

AGRILUS ANGUSTULUS ILL. & SCOLYTUS INTRICATUS RATZ. (COL.) IN S. E. LONDON. — The only records I have seen of these two beetles in the immediate environs of London, at all events on the south-east side, are those of William West round about the turn of the century: Shooters Hill and Abbey Wood for the *Agrihus*, Lewisham for the *Scolytus**. I had myself found them nowhere nearer than Darenth and Farningham Woods, some 10-12 miles to the east. It may, therefore, be worth noting the occurrence of both species during the past summer (1983) in the woods fringing Eltham Common at the foot of Shooters Hill; the Buprestid swept under oaks (a few examples), the Scolytid as usual infesting the thin bark of an oak bough lately broken from the parent tree — in some plenty with a few still in the pupal stage (1.vii). The VCH list for Kent (Fowler, 1909) notes *A. angustulus*, like the closely similar *A. laticornis* Ill., as very local, with only Darenth Wood given for these two species, but I have taken both at Blean and Ham Street and would expect one or the other to occur in almost any Kentish wood. *S. intricatus* is given as rare in the county, the sole localities listed there for it being Darenth Wood (again!) and Cobham Park. — A. A. ALLEN.

*Fowler (1891, *Col. Brit. Isl.*, 5 : 409) includes for this species two old suburban records, Forest Hill and Dulwich.